

## **CHAPTER 21 - FALSE CLAIMS ACT**

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The Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (DRA) was signed into law in early 2006. The DRA encourages states to have false claims legislation in place. The DRA also requires any entity, including providers, receiving annual Medicaid payments of \$5 million or more to provide written policies to all employees, contractors, and agents about the False Claims Act. Any state laws that pertain to civil or criminal penalties for making false claims and statements, and the whistleblower protection under such laws, including the role of such laws in preventing and detecting fraud, waste and abuse in federal health care programs, should also be included in these policies.